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I am by trade a mechanical engineer what that means is that I have an almost irresistible temptation to take anything apart to see how it works. When I was a kid my mother had a flour sifter that when the handle would mechanically cause the flour to be agitated. I played with that thing and slyly it back and forth and saw how those springs and gears all worked in that sifter. You may not be an engineer here tonight but I want you to take a look at a different kind of sift all together. Every one of us could find ourselves in Peters position and we all want to know the reasons why the sift happens and the things to remember in the middle and on the other side of the sift.

I. The Sift of Simon - Simon Sinner
Sounds like God trying to get Simons attention. This is in that upper room where Simons all gather before about Jesus. Wash

me all over Lord, Vs 33 will die. (With Sift Song)

A. The Inquiry of Satan - vs 31 The Lord giving an indicator of what's happening in heavenly places. Very similar to Mat 1:6-11. It indicates that if there is any sifting to begin on by Satan these must be permission. Jesus is warning Peter that inquiries are being made. The sift is coming. (Sift Song) (Sift Song)

B. The Client of the Situation - This sifting is a word picture of what was done to wheat. Wheat thrown air, heat + shake to remove the chaff off the kernel of wheat. The word sift is rattle, violently shake. Vs 32. This sifting is about Peter's faith. Satan: driving his hell and his faith will flutter away like chaff in wind. And if

C. The Clientiation of the Sift - The gates of Peter's life were wide open for a good sifting. Vs 33 "I am ready". Our own self confidence will open wide the gates for God to allow a good sift. You'll be bumping along telling every body a good Christian you are, I can handle this situation, I can handle my kids, marriage too.

II The Support of the Saviour

Boy we would have all been in a mess if Christ would have stopped at verse 31. But I want to kick it into another

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Jesus is interested in the right kind of the sifter for me
Hebrews 2:25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to
the uttermost if they come unto God by him; seeing he ever
lived to make intercession for them.

2) ...open your sift comes there is no intercession through
Christ and you are prone to the wind, remember; before
you apply them past saving us, for they sit thine. Their
fathers and fathers on my own mother but we in hell. But who
first sift of Christ's intercession is enough to see we
this ought the sift and place we on the streets of God!

- 1) ...and if your faith was left up to you, you better believe that when the sift came you phony plastic faith would flutter off in the breeze, but as we will see in a moment it's not up to us.
- 2) ...marriage, job and God's looking around saying "Where is the sift!" Peter left the door wide open for a sift to overtake him.

- 1) ...left the gate wide open for the sift, thank God the Lord
Jesus is interceding at the right hand of the father for me.
Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to
the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever
liveth to make intercession for them.
- 2) ...when their sift comes there is no intercession through
Christ and they are blown to the wind. Remember: John
17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for
them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. Their
faith in statues, candles, water, and wafers is not
anchored to the intercession of Christ. My faith is easily
sifted and faith on my own would put me in hell. But my
faith tied to Christ's intercession is enough to see me
through the sift and place me on the streets of Gold!

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Dear, I want give the devil a headache by...

A. The Intercession of Simeon - VS 3a

I love the fact that so many of you pray for me and you tell me you are praying for me. But their ain't nothing as strengthenin' on this as old better than knowing that Christ the perfect son of God is interested in my behalf. Even when in my carnality and confidence I have left the gate

B. The direction of the Support - The

next phrase shows us to where this intercession is directed "faith fail not" Remember, Satan wants that faith to be blown away like chaff in wind, chaff is blown because it has no substance, there is no weight to it, like a lot of people's false professions, and when there sift comes there is

C. The Preparation of the Servant - Why the sift at all. VS 62 after the sift which was the denial of Peter, we find the confused Peter running into the night bitterly weeping. Aww, words tell you you shouldn't have all that confidence! But this Bible tells us if we are ever gonna be used of God we've got to be broken.

Shall you not be broken, Sifted, cast out

III The Strengthening of the Saint

It never ceases to amaze me how God can take the Devil's sifting, and spakin' all kinds to shis wreck our faith

and turn it around using personhood his

A. The restoration of Simon - 35c
converted - here although it can mean salvation through repentance, it can also just mean turn, changed, recovered or restored. Jesus is saying, the sift is coming but there is life after the sift. There is restoration ahead. Bro Brown! God saw pentecost before Simon ever saw the Sift! A disciple that sunk so low as to curse people that accused him of being with Christ restored ^{help to me} and used by God to save 3000. The restore of Simon is a

B. The warning to the Saints - if you've been through the Sift, then one of the best things you can do to strengthen the brethren is warn them of the sift. I believe that's why 1 Peter 5: 8-9 is in Peters Epistles. I remember a young preach friend of mine preached a powerful message one night, taught victory over devil. I pulled him aside, warned him of the target on his back, the sift is ahead. The sift happened, God turned it for good, and strengthens brother will it today.

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Lesson 10: Spiritual Warfare (Part 1)

1. The Weapons of Our Warfare

A. The Preparation By Prayer

B. The Preparation By Study

C. The Preparation By Fellowship

D. The Preparation By Personal Preparation

E. The Preparation By Spiritual Discernment

F. The Preparation By Spiritual Discernment

G. The Preparation By Spiritual Discernment

H. The Preparation By Spiritual Discernment

- 1) 1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith...